

## PAINT BRUSH CLIP

### CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A clip for mounting on a bucket and for holding a paint brush, having a ferrule of ferromagnetic material; the bucket including: a wall enclosing an interior space for containing paint; the wall including an upper rim and an outer face; said clip including:
  - 4           a spine; including:
    - 6           a first end;
    - 6           a second end; and
    - 8           a middle portion between said first and second ends;
    - 8           a first end prong attached to said first end of said spine and extending downward,
    - 10          a second end prong attached to said second end of said spine and extending downward, and
    - 12          a center prong attached to said middle portion of said spine and extending downward, for insertion into the interior space of the bucket; said center prong including:
      - 14          magnet means for holding the ferrule of the brush; said first end prong and said second end prong being sufficiently resilient as to be disposed against the outer face of the wall of the bucket when said center prong is inserted into the interior space of the bucket; such that said clip is mounted securely upon the upper rim of the wall of the bucket.
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  2. The clip of claim 1, said magnet means including:
    - 2           horizontal ridges for retaining the ferrule from slipping vertically relative to said magnet means.

3. The clip of claim 1, said clip further including:

2        a handle attached to said middle portion and extending radially outward from the  
upper rim of the wall of bucket when said clip is mounted upon the upper rim of the wall  
4        of the bucket, such that said handle does not interfere with access to the interior space of  
the bucket.

4. The clip of claim 1, said clip being of resilient plastic with the exception of said

2        magnet means.

5. The clip of claim 1, a handle attached to said first end prong and said second end prong

2        and bridging across them; and extending laterally such that said handle is not above the  
interior space of the bucket when said clip is mounted upon the upper rim of the bucket.

6. A clip for mounting on a bucket and for holding a paint brush, having a ferrule of

2        ferromagnetic material; the bucket including: a wall enclosing an interior space for  
containing paint; the wall including an upper rim and an outer face; said clip including:

4        a body; including:

            a flat central portion; and

6        an upper spine portion;

            a first prong; including:

8        an attached end attached to said body;

            a free end; and

10                   a contact portion for contacting the outer face of the wall of the  
bucket;

12                   a second prong; including:

an attached end attached to said body;

14                   a free end; and

16                   a contact portion for contacting the outer face of the wall of the  
bucket; and

18                   magnet means for holding the ferrule of the brush; said first and said second  
prongs being spaced apart on opposite sides of said flat central portion; and said clip  
being adapted to mount securely upon the upper rim of the wall of the bucket with said  
free ends of said first and second prongs disposed outside the bucket and said contact  
portions of each said prong pressing against the outside face of the wall of the bucket; and  
22                   said flat central portion and said magnet means disposed within the interior space of the  
bucket.

7. The clip of claim 6, further including:

2                   a handle attached to said upper spine portion for grasping said clip.

8. The clip of claim 7; said handle extending radially outward from the upper rim of the  
2                   wall of the bucket when said clip is mounted upon the upper rim, such that said handle  
does not interfere with access to the interior space of the bucket.

9. The clip of claim 6, said magnet means including:

2 horizontal ridges for retaining the ferrule from slipping vertically relative to said  
magnet.

10. The clip of claim 6, said clip being of resilient plastic with the exception of said  
2 magnet.

11. The clip of claim 10, a handle attached to said first prong and said second prong and  
2 bridging across them; and extending laterally, radially outward from the upper rim of the  
4 wall of the bucket such that said handle does not interfere with access to the interior  
space of the bucket.

12. The clip of claim 9, said magnet means comprising:

2 a ceramic magnet; and

a housing for said ceramic magnet including:

4 a plurality of ridges extending beyond said ceramic magnet for contacting  
the ferrule of the paint brush; said housing being of a ferromagnetic material; said  
6 housing being attached to said flat central portion and said ceramic magnet being  
attached to said housing.

13. The clip of claim 6, each said contact portion including:

2 a generally planar contact face; each said contact face inclined at a slight angle  
from being parallel to said flat central portion so as to adapt each said contact face for  
4 contact with the outer face of a generally cylindrical bucket.

- 2      14. In combination:
- a bucket; including:
- 4            a wall enclosing an interior space for containing paint; including:
- an exterior surface; and
- 6            an upper rim;
- a paint brush; including:
- 8            bristles;
- a handle; and
- 10            a ferrule for attaching said bristles to said handle; including:
- a horizontal ridge; and
- 12            a paint brush holder; including:
- a body; including:
- 14            a flat central portion; and
- an upper spine portion;
- 16            a first prong; including:
- an attached end attached to said body;
- 18            a free end; and
- a contact portion for contacting said outer face of said wall of said
- 20            bucket;
- a second prong; including:
- 22            an attached end attached to said body;
- a free end; and

24                   a contact portion for contacting said outer face of said wall of said  
bucket; and

26                   magnet means for holding said ferrule of said brush; said first and said second  
prongs being spaced apart on opposite sides of said flat central portion; and said clip  
28                   being adapted to mount securely upon said upper rim of said wall of said bucket with said  
free ends of said first and second prongs disposed outside said bucket and said contact  
30                   portions of each said prong pressing against said outside face of said wall of said bucket;  
and said flat central portion and said magnet means disposed within said interior space of  
32                   the bucket.

2       14. The combination of claim 13; said paint brush holder further including:

                  a handle attached to said body for grasping said paint brush holder.

15. The combination of claim 14; said handle extending radially outward from said upper  
2       rim of said wall of said bucket when said clip is mounted upon said upper rim, such that  
said handle does not interfere with access to said interior space of said bucket.

16. The combination of claim 13; said magnet means including:

2       horizontal ridges for retaining said ferrule from slipping vertically relative to said  
magnet.